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SUBJECT: Information on Boundaries of Brazil

The request for information concerning the current status of several sections of Brazil's boundaries with its neighbors was submitted to the Foreign Office in accordance with, and shortly after receipt of, the Department's Instruction A-116. The Foreign Office has recently furnished the Embassy with a reply.

In its reply the Foreign Office has referred to one arbitral award and to several boundary treaties concluded with Brazil. The Embassy notes that all of the documents to which the Foreign Office has referred are known to the Department, since they are cited in the Department's publication, "Boundaries with Latin American Republics" (Tentative Version), 1944, publication 2082. Therefore, the Embassy is not transmitting the text of any of the documents referred to, nor does it appear necessary to give any new references as to publications where-in they may be found.

1. Brazil-French Guiana Boundary:

The Foreign Office states that the limits were defined in accordance with the arbitral award of President Hausor, in the name of the Swiss Federal Council of December 1, 1900, and that as yet the boundary has not been demarcated on the ground".

2. Brazil-Venezuela Boundary:

The Foreign Office states that the segment between the Cerro Gupi and Monte Roraima is in process of demarcation. The limits were fixed by the Treaty of May 5, 1859. The Foreign Office also referred the Embassy in this connection to the Protocol of Instructions for the Demarcation of this boundary, signed in Rio de Janeiro on July 24, 1928.

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3. Brazil-Bolivia Boundary:

- (a) Segment between the principal source of the Rio Rapiirram and the mouth of the Igarapé Bahia:

The Foreign Office states that this segment was defined by art. 1 of the Treaty of Dec. 25, 1928 signed in Rio de Janeiro, and that it has not been demarcated on the ground.

- (b) Segment between the principal source of the Rio Verde and the "Marco do Turvo":

The Foreign Office states that this was defined by art. 3 of the Treaty of December 25, 1928, and that the intermediate markers between the principal source of the Rio Verde, which was determined by the Brazilian-Bolivian Mixed Commission of 1945, and the "marco" of the Rio Turvo have not yet been put in place.

- (c) Segment between the Lagoa Uberaba and Morro da Boa Vista:

The Foreign Office states that this was defined by the Treaty of March 27, 1867 signed at La Paz, and that new markers are being placed in the intervals.

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4. Brazil-Paraguay Boundary:

The Foreign Office states that there is now lacking only the placement of new markers between the "Marco" do Jacareí and the Salto das Sete Quedas, a distance of approximately 50 kms.

The Embassy returns herewith the map entitled: "Brazil", which was forwarded with Instruction A-116. Since the information furnished by the Foreign Office indicates that there has been very little change in the status of the segments of boundary from that already known to the Department, no attempt has been made to transfer the information onto the map.

For the Ambassador:


George H. Owen

Enclosure:

Map in return

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BRAZIL
Embassy: Rio de Janeiro

In an effort to ascertain the present status of the boundaries in Brazil, we would appreciate any information in the possession of the embassy in regard to the following specific segments of the border:

1) Brazil - French Guiana boundary.

55° The segment of the boundary at approximately 02°00' N, 53°00' W is shown as "delimited" on enclosed map, scale: 1:17,500,000.

2) Brazil - Venezuela boundary.

✓ The segment of the border from approximately 01°00' - 05°00' N, 61°00' - 66°00' W is shown as "demarcation in progress".

3) Brazil - Bolivia boundary.

a. The segment of the border at approximately 11°00' S, 69°00' W is shown as "delimited" on the enclosed map.

b. The area at approximately 15°00' S, 60°00' W is shown as "disputed." (should have been "undemarcated").

c. That portion of the boundary at 18°00' S, 58°00' W is shown as "undefined".

4) Brazil - Paraguay boundary.

The area at approximately 24°00' S, 55°00' W is shown as "demarcation in progress" on the enclosed map.

It is suggested that an official statement from an appropriate agency of the Brazil Government be obtained regarding their interpretation of the present status of the above-mentioned segments of the boundary.

A possible source to be contacted for an accurate presentation of the boundary, including information on official demarcation maps, is the Conselho Nacional de Geografia. Copies of recent border documents, textual materials, and official publications, if available, would be of considerable value.

(The enclosed map, Latin America: Status of Boundaries /First printed 1946, revised July, 1947/ shows the areas in question)

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